

Thomas P. McNamara Mayor Office of the Mayor

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NOTICE REGARDING COLLECTOIN OF CITY OF ROCKFORD FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 (Order) mandated that all bars and restaurants end dine-in service through Monday, March 30, 2020 and requirements for social distancing. The City of Rockford desires to alleviate the impact this mandate has had on restaurants, bars and applicable retail establishments throughout the City.

Effective immediately, the City of Rockford will defer collection of the City's food and beverage tax in a manner consistent with the State of Illinois's emergency policy. Taxes due to be remitted in March, April and May for sales activity in February, March and April will be due in four installments over subsequent months, and will not be subject to late fees or penalties. Taxes on sales during those months will be due as follows:

 $\frac{1}{4}$ of taxes for sales in February, March and April will be due May 31

1/4 of taxes for sales in February, March and April will be due June 30

1/4 of taxes for sales in February, March and April will be due July 31

1/4 of taxes for sales in February, March and April will be due August 31

Return forms need to be filed by the regular due date, though no payment will be required. Return forms should be emailed to metrotax@rockfordil.gov or mailed to 425 E State St, Rockford, IL 61104.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the City of Rockford Finance Department metrotax@rockfordil.gov.

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